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EXCITING MUSIC OF "THE BIG BAND SOUND" TO BE FEATURED AT CENTRE SUNDAY NIGHT

An Open Letter To The Jewish Community Of Ottawa

From The General Chairman - 1962 United Jewish Appeal

Dear Friends:

It was with some misgivings that I accepted the chairmanship of the United Jewish Appeal Campaign for 1962. The misgivings were not concerned with the success of the campaign, but rather with my own suitability. I felt that my experience did not justify the responsibility and that my knowledge of Zionist and communal affairs was limited. For these and other reasons, I could not provide the eloquence necessary for the job.

On further consideration, I accepted. May I presume to tell you why.

The history of the Ottawa Jewish Community is a long and honoured one, but one fact stands out quite clearly — that the bulk of the responsibility for its affairs has been assumed by too few individuals. Whatever progress we have made over the years can be attributed to a large extent to the leadership, devotion and personal example of a small group whose deeds are mirrored in the institutions we have created and the funds we have raised for Israel, overseas relief and local community services.

Many of us have been carried along by the momentum of these dedicated people — in some cases, to the extent of a "free ride". This state of affairs concerns me because every single person in the community benefits at one time or another from the services and facilities available to young and old, regardless of ability to pay.

I am convinced that one must "give" as well as "take" and I accepted the responsibility because it is "my turn" and I shall try to do the job to the best of my ability.

I should like the entire campaign this year, to be based on a simple slogan, "Accept Your Responsibility". If you do that, I can ask no more for then every gift will be from the heart. Let this be the year to reaffirm our solidarity as a community and our confidence in what the future holds in store for us.

You will soon be approached, possibly as a worker in the campaign and certainly as a contributor. I hope you will consider the entire matter as I did and help us all in our common endeavour.

Sincerely yours,

Mervin Mirsky

January 8, 1962.



Mervin Mirsky

The syncopating rhythm of William Kostenuk and twenty-one of Ottawa's finest musicians is expected to fill the main auditorium of the Jewish Community Centre to capacity on Sunday night, January 14, for the fourth major event in its current cultural series. Devotees of the sweet and tender school of music as well as progressive jazz enthusiasts will both be delighted with the program which begins at 8:30 p.m.

Revive Big Band Sound

Sunday night's concert is another step by musical circles to revive the "big band sound" made famous by such personalities as Benny Goodman, the Dorsey brothers and Stan Kenton. Such popular television shows as Parade and the former Jackie Kane Show have used this technique with great success.

The Brian Browne Trio, one of the most popular jazz combos in the country today will be featuring during the evening. The chairman is Mac Lipson, CKOY's news director, whose dulcet tones are well-known to residents of Ottawa and surrounding district.

Some of the compositions to be featured by the orchestra are new arrangements of Opus in Pastels, Artistry in Boogie, Come Back to Sorento, Artistry in Bolero, Interlude, Minor Riff, All Alone and Artistry in Rhythm.

Top Musicians

The band is composed of:

Trumpets: Cecil Hughes, Syd Holmes, Edward Hall, Kenneth Moore, Kenneth Patterson; Trombones: Mac Horner, Edward Wilson, Ad Wellard, John Van Deelen; Saxophones: Duke McGuire, Hugh O'Connor, Harry Pozy, Paul Traversey, John Hilchie; Brian



William Kostenuk

Browne, piano, Douglas Johnston, drums, Peter Fleming, bass.

The music for this occasion, is provided by a grant from the trust funds of the recording industries obtained through the co-operation of Local 180, American Federation of Musicians of the United States and Canada.

Admission is free. The general public is invited.

JCC Treasurer Directs Appeal To 4C Donors

Statements requesting payment of the fifth and final instalment of pledges to the Community Centre Completion Campaign were mailed to all contributors this week according to Roy M. Saïpe, treasurer of the Jewish Community Centre. The 4C Campaign as it is known was held in the fall of 1957 with pledges payable in five annual instalments after that date.

Over \$400,000 Pledged

A total of \$400,936.50 was pledged by over one thousand families in the community. On the strength of these pledges, contracts were let for construction of the Central Talmud Torah at Rideau and Chapel Streets, the West End Talmud Torah which forms part of the Agudath Israel Synagogue on Col-drey Ave. and the new gymnasium, lounges and other fine facilities which constitute the new Jewish Community Centre.

The cost of building and equipping these new structures came to almost one million dollars and bank financing was necessary to proceed with the work. This was arranged after guarantees were given that contributors would pay their pledges according to schedule and that a further capital campaign would be held to cover the difference between the total cost of construction and the current asset position.

As of this date, somewhat more than 71% of the pledges to the 4C Campaign have been paid and most donors have faithfully adhered to the timetable of pledge

payments. A small number have fallen behind and it is to this group that Mr. Saïpe has made special overtures to bring themselves up-to-date.

Interest Major Factor

Mr. Saïpe told this reporter that the Community Centre owes the banks over \$600,000. and that interest alone has become a major factor in the debt retirement program. For this reason and in order to keep faith with the promises made when the loans were negotiated, he has appealed to every contributor to remit the unpaid balance of his pledge as soon as possible.

Mr. Saïpe also said that the contributor's tablet in the main lobby of the Community Centre is being upgraded so as to include all paid-up pledges since the inception of fund-raising for the project in 1943.

Insofar as retirement of the remainder of the capital debt is concerned, the Board of Directors of the Centre has already made plans for a fall campaign in 1962 and has named Bertram Loeb as general chairman.

City-Wide B'nai B'rith Conference January 14

The first B'nai B'rith city-wide conference is to take place on Sunday, January 14 from 2:00 to 6:30 p.m. at the Beacon Arms Hotel. Its purpose is to review program content, to share ideas, to stimulate and to inspire. The entire B'nai B'rith family is invited to attend.

Some of the conference leaders will be:

Emmanuel R. Sonnerich, director of membership for District 1, keynote speaker; Sam Davidson, past president, Shalom Lodge, member-at-large Eastern Canadian Council; Nat Libman, member of the executive committee, Montreal Co-ordinating Committee; Hersh Garfinkle, membership chairman, Eastern Canadian Council.

Ottawa participants will include Jackie C. Horwitz, Q.C., Dr. Harold H. Fireman, Martin Glatt, David Loeb, Nap Kapinsky and Stanley L. Glube.

The conference will open with the keynote address at 2:00 p.m.

It will then split into the following four discussion groups:

1. BBYO, Hillel and Camp.
2. A.D.L., Civic Affairs, Adult Jewish Education.
3. Membership Retention, Indoctrination and Programming.
4. Fund Raising, Israel and Recreation.

The assembly will reconvene at 4:30 p.m. for summary reports. A social hour will follow.

Members of the Conference Planning Committee are Max Sternthal, chairman, Mrs. Louis Levy, Mrs. George Sanders, Mrs. Maurice Rose, Mrs. Stan Katz, Mrs. Horace Cohen, Jack Vinokur, David Molot, Samuel G. Macy, Stan Katz and Joseph Lieff.

Why wait?
Don't hesitate!
JOIN THE CENTRE NOW.

U.J.A. Chairman En Route to Israel

Mervin Mirsky, general chairman of the 1962 United Jewish Appeal has left for a 15-day fact-finding visit to Israel as a member of the First Canadian Investors Tour. He will be conducted on an intensive tour of the country and will have an opportunity to meet and speak with some of the new arrivals who are being settled with the help of United Jewish Appeal funds.

On his return to Ottawa, Mr. Mirsky will report to the first meeting of his campaign cabinet scheduled for Wednesday, January 31.

Golf Club Annual Meeting Jan. 17

The annual meeting of the Rideau View Golf and Country Club will take place on Wednesday, January 17 at 8:00 p.m., at the Jewish Community Centre.

According to club president Jules Loeb, the agenda of the meeting will include reports of committees and a preview of plans for the 1962 summer season.

Launch Youth Survey As Guide To Planning

Dr. M. Ralph Berke, chairman of the Youth Committee of the Jewish Community Centre has announced that a study will be conducted during the next few weeks to determine the number of young people in the community of various ages. The information which will be gained in this way will be an important guide to the Centre's immediate and long-range plans to better serve the youth of the community.

The survey will be conducted by telephone during the next few weeks since mailed enquiries have been found to produce little response. The number of questions to be asked has been scaled down to an absolute minimum and should take no more than a very few

minutes to answer.

Essentially, the interviewer will ask for the name, birth date, grade and school of children under 21 and the name and occupation of unmarried young adults 22 years of age and over who are living at home. He will also verify the name, address, telephone number and Synagogue affiliation of the parents.

Calls will normally be directed to the woman of the house and the co-operation of mothers will be appreciated. The suggestion has been made that some people may wish to jot the information down and leave it near the telephone so that no time need be wasted when the call from the Centre comes in.

"YOUR COMMUNITY HEBREW SCHOOLS"

1. Our Hebrew Schools Written Up

In the January 1 issue of the "Canada Advertiser", the widely circulated Canadian Yiddish paper, there appeared an article titled "How Goodly are thy tents O Ottawa!". This article was written by Mr. Y. Rabinowitz who inspected our schools several weeks ago.

Mr. Rabinowitz writes: "The Hillel Academy is a fine, or rather, excellent Hebrew educational institution. The general order, discipline and cleanliness are of the highest possible level. The school has all the potentialities of becoming an exemplary institution."

2. School Enrollment Passes 500 Mark

It is heartening to note the gradual increase in enrollment both in the Hillel Academies and Hebrew Schools. As of January 1, 1962 the pupil register was:

Hillel Academy (Central & West End)	290
Hebrew School (Central & West End)	230
Sunday School	25
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The annual budget of the school is \$120,000. Seventy percent of this amount is raised by tuition fees and the remainder is allotted to the school by the United Jewish Appeal of Ottawa.

3. High School Principal Praises Graduates

It is gratifying to report to the community that the graduates of the Hillel Academy have maintained a very high scholastic record at the local high schools. In his report to Mr. Frankel, Mr. Neal, principal of the Lisgar Collegiate stated: "We are extremely pleased at the very fine work of your graduates. They have proven to be a credit to your school."

Library Corner Israel Summer Institute 1962

The Library Committee of the Jewish Community Centre has announced a most appropriate way to mark the birthdays of children in Ottawa. Contributions of \$2.00 and over will now be accepted and the funds will be used to purchase a book for the children's section of the library. Each book will bear a bookplate indicating the name of the child and the name of the donor. Children so honoured will receive a card indicating that a contribution has been made on the occasion of their birthdays. Call CE 2-7306 the next time a birthday occurs in your family or that of your friends. This is especially appropriate for grandmothers.

On Sunday evening, January 28, the Library Committee will inaugurate a new series of cultural evenings in Yiddish, Hebrew and English. The programs will take place in the intimate setting of the Library beginning at 8:30 p.m.

The opening speaker will be Dr. E. Aroustam, father of the Centre's program director, who is now visiting from Israel. His subject will be "Tears and Joy in the Works of Sholom Aleichem". He will speak in Yiddish.

STAFF FOR DAY CAMP

Applications for positions as senior counselors, junior counselors and counselors-in-training will be accepted after February 1. Apply to the Centre Program Department.

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FOUR DAY TEENAGE CONFERENCE TERMED HUGE SUCCESS

Over 175 senior high school students from Centres and YMHA's from the United States and Canada participated in the conference of the International Federation of Jewish Youth held in Ottawa December 25 through 28. The program included seminars, athletic tournaments and socials. A highlight for out-of-towners was a reception at the Embassy of Israel where they were graciously received by the Ambassador and Mrs. Herzog. Shown here at the closing banquet are some of the delegates and staff from various communities. From left to right: Martin Zolmen, Buffalo; Mrs. Irene Harris; Steven Truboff, Buffalo; Jack Boeka, Montreal; Ruth Weissbard; Stephen Plumer, Rochester; Bertram Laeb, the guest speaker of the evening; Elias Z. Aronstam; Linda Pearl; Hy Hechberg; Martin Kravetz, Toronto; Martin K. Levinson, who extended the greetings of the Centre Board of Directors; Roland Herson, Toronto; Dr. M. Ralph Berke, chairman, Youth Committee; Jay Cohen, Rochester; Fred Garbett, Welland; Shelly Stern, Rochester.

PROGRAM DEPARTMENT ANNOUNCEMENTS YOUTH

Junior Ballet Classes, spring semester, ten sessions beginning Sunday, January 21 at 1:00 p.m. Members, \$5.00, non-members, \$8.00. Instructor: Mrs. Catherine Plaxton.

Intermediate Charm Course for girls, spring semester, ten sessions beginning Sunday, January 28 at 4:00 p.m. Members, \$5.00, non-members, \$8.00. Instructor: Mrs. Bella Simon.

Senior Charm Course for girls, ten sessions beginning Sunday, January 28 at 3:00 p.m. Members, \$5.00, non-members, \$8.00. Instructor: Mrs. Bella Simon.

Jewish Music Festival for boys and girls 12 to 19. Instrumentalists, vocalists, dancers. Sunday, March 25 at 8:30 p.m.

Youth Fashion Show for inter and senior boys and girls. Sunday, April 29 at 8:30 p.m.

YOUNG ADULTS, ADULTS

Art Course with Robert Hyndman resumes its regular sessions on Wednesday, January 17 at 8:30 p.m., Arts and Crafts Workshop.

Bridge with Bill Dover resumes weekly gatherings on Monday, January 15 at 8:30 p.m., Young Adult Lounge.

Co-Ed Saturday Night Schedule for Inters at the Centre

(Ages 12-14)

7:30 to 10:00 p.m.

JANUARY 13

Lounge, ping pong, chess and checker tournaments.

JANUARY 20

Gym night, fencing, volleyball, badminton.

JANUARY 27

Skating party.

FEBRUARY 3

Panel discussion on "Diary of Anne Frank".

FEBRUARY 10

Gym night, fencing, volleyball, badminton.

FEBRUARY 17

Square dancing.

FEBRUARY 24

Lounge, ping pong, chess and checker tournaments.

MARCH 3

Special lecture on teenagers in Russia today.

MARCH 10

Gym night, fencing, badminton, volleyball.

MARCH 17

Movie night.

MARCH 24

Purim Masquerade Ball.

B'nai B'rith Parliament Chapter 1041 CARNIVAL

Saturday, Feb. 3, 1962, 8:15 p.m.

2 shows: 8:15 and 11:00

Jewish Community Centre

Tickets \$1.00 per person

Call RE 3-6269

Cast

Sally Weltman

Al Shapiro

Louella Molot

Jerry Polowin

Irving Greenberg

Kenneth Ritt

Cast of 25

Games, Prizes, Refreshments



DECLARE DOUBLES HANDBALL CHAMPS

Dave Smith and Wally Satov wear a big smile following their capture of the doubles handball crown at the Jewish Community Centre. With them are the runners-up Herb Nadolny and Joe Zelikovitz who were narrowly edged-out by the champions in a bruising two-game series. Fourteen teams were entered in the tournament and all games were characterized by good sportsmanship and hard play. The singles tourney begins on March 5.